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State			Las Vegas Finance C			
RECIPIENT:			PAYEE:			
NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233-5010 EIN: 14-6013200			NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233-5010			
PROJECT MANAGER		EPA PROJECT OFFICER		EPA GRANT	SPECIALIST	
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award/amendment, and any costs incurred by the recipient are at its own risk. This agreement is subject to applicable EPA statutory provisions. The applicable regulatory provisions are 40 CFR Chapter 1, Subchapter B, and all terms and conditions of this agreement and any attachments.

ISSUING OFFICE (GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE)

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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DATE

07/22/2010

# **EPA Funding Information**

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FUNDS	FORMER AWARD	THIS ACTION	AMENDED TOTAL
EPA Amount This Action	\$	\$ 424,000	\$ 424,000
EPA In-Kind Amount	\$	\$	\$ 0
Unexpended Prior Year Balance	\$	\$	\$ 0
Other Federal Funds	\$	\$	\$ 0
Recipient Contribution	\$	\$ 86,583	\$ 86,583
State Contribution	\$	\$	\$ O
Local Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
Other Contribution	\$	\$	\$ 0
Allowable Project Cost	\$0	\$ 510,583	\$ 510,583

Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.700 - Consolidated Pesticide Compliance Monitoring	FIFRA: Sec. 23(a)	40 CFR PTS 31 & 35 SUBPT A

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Site Name	Req No	FY	Approp. Code	Budget Organization	PRC	Object Class	Site/Project	Cost Organization	Obligation / Deobligation
-	1002HE0337	10		02W2	501E12E				424,000
									424,000

Budget Summary Page

Table A - Object Class Category (Non-construction)	Total Approved Allowable Budget Period Cost
1. Personnel	\$279,585
2. Fringe Benefits	\$116,000
3. Travel	\$0
4. Equipment	\$0
5. Supplies	\$0
6. Contractual	\$0
7. Construction	\$0
8. Other	\$0
9. Total Direct Charges	\$395,585
10. Indirect Costs: % Base	\$114,998
11. Total (Share: Recipient 16.96 % Federal 83.04 %.)	\$510,583
12. Total Approved Assistance Amount	\$424,000
13. Program Income	\$0
14. Total EPA Amount Awarded This Action	\$424,000
15. Total EPA Amount Awarded To Date	\$424,000

# Administrative Conditions

#### 1. ADVANCE METHOD OF PAYMENT

In accordance with EPA regulations, the recipient is authorized to receive advance payments under this agreement, provided that the recipient takes action to minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds from EPA and the disbursement of those funds. The recipient shall request Federal payments by completing the EPA Payment Requests Form (EPA Form 190-F-04-001) and faxing it to the Las Vegas Finance Center at 702-798-2423. This form can be found at www.epa.gov/ogd/forms/forms.htm.

#### 2. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION FOR ALL EPA RECIPIENTS

The recipient organization of this EPA assistance agreement must make an ongoing, good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace pursuant to the specific requirements set forth in Title 40 CFR 36.200 - 36.230. Additionally, in accordance with these regulations, the recipient organization must identify all known workplaces under its federal awards, and keep this information on file during the performance of the award.

Those recipients who are individuals must comply with the drug-free provisions set forth in Title 40 CFR 36.300.

The consequences for violating this condition are detailed under Title 40 CFR 36.510. Recipients can access the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 40 Part 36 at <a href="http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx">http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx</a> 06/40cfr36 06.html.

#### 3. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

Under the <u>Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP)</u>, the recipient initiates an electronic or voice-activated telephone payment request which is approved or rejected based on the amount of available funds authorized by EPA in the recipient's account. Approved funds are credited to the recipient organization at the financial institution identified on the recipient's ASAP enrollment application.

The recipient agrees to the following conditions in accepting this assistance agreement:

- (a) Cash draw down will be made only as actually needed for its disbursement;
- (b) The recipient will provide timely reporting of cash disbursements and balances as required;
- (c) The recipient will impose the same standards of timing and reporting on secondary recipients, if any.

Failure on the part of the recipient to comply with the above conditions may cause the undisbursed portions of the assistance agreement to be revoked and financing method changed to a reimbursable basis.

# 4. FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORTS/GRANT CLOSEOUT

# A) Interim Federal Financial Reports (FFRs)

Pursuant to 40 CFR 31.41(b) and 31.50(b), EPA recipients shall submit an interim annual Federal Financial Report (SF-425) to EPA no later than 90 calendar days following each anniversary of the start date of the agreement.

# B) Final Federal Financial Report

At the end of the project, the recipient must submit a final Federal Financial Report to EPA no later than 90 calendar days after the end of the project period. The form is available on the internet at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/ocfo/finservices/forms.htm">http://www.epa.gov/ocfo/finservices/forms.htm</a>. All FFRs must be submitted to the Las Vegas Finance Center:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Las Vegas Finance Center PO Box 98515 Las Vegas, NV 89119

or by Fax to: 702-798-2423.

The LVFC will make adjustments, as necessary, to obligated funds after reviewing and accepting a final Federal Financial Report. Recipients will be notified and instructed by EPA if they must complete any additional forms for the closeout of the assistance agreement.

EPA may take enforcement actions in accordance with 40 CFR 31.43 if the recipient does not comply with this term and condition.

# C) Closeout

The Administrative Closeout Phase for this grant will be initiated with the submission of a "final" FFR. At that time, the recipient must submit the following forms/reports to the EPA Region 2 Grants and Contracts Management Branch, if applicable:

- Federally Owned Property Report
- An Inventory of all Property Acquired with federal funds
- Contractor's or Grantee's Invention Disclosure Report (EPA Form 3340-3)

Additionally, the recipient's Final Request for Payment should be submitted to the LVFC.

#### 5. HOTEL-MOTEL FIRE SAFETY

Pursuant to 40 CFR 30.18, if applicable, and 15 USC 2225a, the recipient agrees to ensure that all space for conferences, meetings, conventions, or training seminars funded in whole or in part with federal funds complies with the protection and control guidelines of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act (PL 101-391, as amended). Recipients may search the Hotel-Motel National Master List at http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/applications/hotel/ to see if a property is in compliance (FEMA ID is currently not required), or to find other information about the Act.

# 6. LOBBYING AND LITIGATION

The chief executive officer of this recipient agency shall ensure that no grant funds awarded under this assistance agreement are used to engage in lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the United States unless authorized under existing law. The recipient shall abide by its respective OMB Circular (A-21, A-87, or A-122), which prohibits the use of federal grant funds for litigation against the United States or for lobbying or other political activities.

# **RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING**

The recipient agrees to comply with Title 40 CFR Part 34, *New Restrictions on Lobbying*. The recipient shall include the language of this provision in award documents for all subawards exceeding \$100,000, and require that subrecipients submit certification and disclosure forms accordingly.

In accordance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, any recipient who makes a prohibited expenditure under Title 40 CFR Part 34 or fails to file the required certification or lobbying forms shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such expenditure.

#### 7. MANAGEMENT FEES

Management fees or similar charges in excess of the direct costs and approved indirect rates are not allowable. The term "management fees or similar charges" refers to expenses added to the direct costs in order to accumulate and reserve funds for ongoing business expenses, unforeseen liabilities, or for other similar costs which are not allowable under this assistance agreement. Management fees or similar charges may not be used to improve or expand the project funded under this agreement, except to the extent authorized as a direct cost of carrying out the scope of work.

# 8. EXTENSION OF PROJECT/BUDGET PERIOD EXPIRATION DATE

If a no cost time extension is necessary to extend the period of availability of funds (budget period), the recipient must submit a written request, including a justification as to why additional time is needed and an estimated date of completion to the EPA, Region 2, Grants and Contracts Management Branch prior to the budget/project period expiration dates. An interim FFR (SF-425), which covers all expenditures and obligations to date, must also be submitted to the Las Vegas Finance Office at the address below.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Las Vegas Finance Center PO Box 98515 Las Vegas, NV 89119

or by Fax to: 702-798-2423.

#### 9. RECYCLING AND WASTE PREVENTION

In accordance with the polices set forth in EPA Order 1000.25 and Executive Order 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management (January 24, 2007) and or 40 CFR 30.16, the recipient agrees to use recycled paper and double sided printing for all reports which are prepared as a part of this agreement and delivered to EPA. This requirement does not apply to reports prepared on forms supplied by EPA, or to Standard Forms, which are printed on recycled paper and are available through the General Services Administration.

# STATE AGENCIES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

In accordance with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (42 U.S.C. 6962) any State agency or agency of a political subdivision of a State which is using appropriated Federal funds shall comply with the requirements set forth. Regulations issued under RCRA Section 6002 apply to any acquisition of an item where the purchase price exceeds \$10,000 or where the quantity of such items acquired in the course of the preceding fiscal year was \$10,000 or more. RCRA Section 6002 requires that preference be given in procurement programs to the purchase of specific products containing recycled materials identified in guidelines developed by EPA. These guidelines are listed in 40 CFR 247.

#### 10. REIMBURSEMENT LIMITATION

EPA's financial obligations to the recipient are limited by the amount of federal funding awarded to date as shown on line 15 in its EPA approved budget. If the recipient incurs costs in anticipation of receiving additional funds from EPA, it does so at its own risk.

#### 11. SINGLE AUDITS

In accordance with OMB Circular A-133, which implements the single Audit Act, the recipient hereby agrees to obtain a single audit from an independent auditor if it expends \$500,000 or more in total Federal funds in any fiscal year. Within nine months after the end of a recipient's fiscal year or 30 days after receiving the report from the auditor, the recipient shall submit a copy of the SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package. For fiscal periods 2002 to 2007 recipients are to submit hardcopy to the following address:

Federal Audit Clearinghouse 1201 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street Jeffersonville, IN 47132

For fiscal periods 2008 and beyond the recipient <u>MUST</u> submit a copy of the SF-SAC and a Single Audit Report Package, using the Federal Audit Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System. Complete information on how to accomplish the 2008 and beyond Single Audit Submissions is available on the Federal Audit Clearinghouse Web site: <a href="http://harvester.census.gov/fac/">http://harvester.census.gov/fac/</a>

#### 12. SUBAWARD POLICY

- a. The recipient agrees to:
  - (1) Establish all subaward agreements in writing;
  - (2) Maintain primary responsibility for ensuring successful completion of the EPA-approved project (this responsibility cannot be delegated or transferred to a subrecipient);
  - (3) Ensure that any subawards comply with the standards in Section 210(a)-(d) of OMB Circular A-133 and are not used to acquire commercial goods or services for the recipient;
  - (4) Ensure that any subawards are awarded to eligible subrecipients and that proposed subaward costs are necessary, reasonable, and allocable;
  - (5) Ensure that any subawards to 501(c)(4) organizations do not involve lobbying activities;
  - (6) Monitor the performance of their recipients and ensure that they comply with all applicable regulations, statutes, and terms and conditions which flow down in the subaward;
  - (7) Obtain EPA's consent before making a subaward to a foreign or international organization, or a subaward to be performed in a foreign country; and
  - (8) Obtain approval from EPA for any new subaward work that is not outlined in the approved work plan in accordance with 40 CFR Parts 30.25 and 31.30, as applicable.
- b. Any questions about subrecipient eligibility or other issues pertaining to subawards should be addressed to the recipient's EPA Project Officer. Additional information regarding subawards may be found at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/ogd/guide/subaward-policy-part-2.pdf">http://www.epa.gov/ogd/guide/subaward-policy-part-2.pdf</a>. Guidance for distinguishing between vendor and subrecipient relationships and ensuring compliance with Section 210(a)-(d) of OMB Circular A-133 can be found at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/ogd/guide/subawards-appendix-b.pdf">http://www.epa.gov/ogd/guide/subawards-appendix-b.pdf</a> and <a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a133/a133.html">http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a133/a133.html</a>.
- c. The recipient is responsible for selecting its subrecipients and, if applicable, for conducting subaward competitions.

#### 13. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

Recipient shall fully comply with Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Part 1532, entitled "Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions (Doing Business with Other Persons)." Recipient is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction as described in Subpart B of 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Part 1532, entitled "Covered Transactions," includes a term or condition requiring compliance with Subpart C. Recipient is responsible for further requiring the inclusion of a similar term or condition in any subsequent lower tier covered transactions. Recipient acknowledges that failing to disclose the information as required at 2 CFR 180.335 may result in the delay or negation of this assistance agreement, or pursuance of legal remedies, including suspension and debarment.

Recipient may access the Excluded Parties List System at <a href="www.epls.gov">www.epls.gov</a>. This term and condition supersedes EPA Form 5700-49, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters."

#### 14. TRAFFICKING VICTIM PROTECTION ACT OF 2000

To implement requirements of Section 106 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended, the following provisions apply to this award:

- a. We, as the Federal awarding agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity: (1) is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition in the Prohibition Statement below; or (2) has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated an applicable prohibition in the Prohibition Statement below through conduct that is either: (a) associated with performance under this award; or (b) imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by our agency at 2 CFR part 1532. You must inform us immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in the Prohibition Statement below.
- b. Our right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraph a of this award term: (1) implements section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)), and (2) is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to us under this award.
- c. You must include the requirements of the Prohibition Statement below in any subaward you make to a private entity.

<u>Prohibition Statement</u> - You as the recipient, your employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

# 15. UTILIZATION OF SMALL, MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

# **GENERAL COMPLIANCE, 40 CFR, Part 33**

The recipient agrees to comply with the requirements of EPA's Program for Utilization of Small, Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) in procurement under assistance agreements, contained in 40 CFR. Part 33.

# FAIR SHARE OBJECTIVES, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart D

A recipient must negotiate with the appropriate EPA award official, or his/her designee, fair share objectives for MBE and WBE participation in procurement under the financial assistance agreements.

# **Current Fair Share Objective/Goal**

The dollar amount of this assistance agreement is \$250,000, or more; or the total dollar amount of all of the recipient's non-TAG assistance agreements from EPA in the current fiscal year is \$250,000, or more. The **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation** has negotiated the following, applicable MBE/WBE fair share objectives/goals with EPA as follows:

- for the New York Upstate Region MBE: Construction is 6%; Equipment, Supplies and Services are 8.8%.
- for the New York Upstate Region WBE: Construction is 6%; Equipment, Supplies and Services are 8.8%.

- for the New York City Region MBE: Construction is 21.5%; Equipment, Supplies and Services are 18.8%.
- for the New York City Region WBE: Construction is 13.7%; Equipment, Supplies and Services are 20.5%.

# Negotiating Fair Share Objectives/Goals, 40 CFR, Section 33.404

If the recipient has not yet negotiated its MBE/WBE fair share objectives/goals, the recipient agrees to submit proposed MBE/WBE objectives/goals

based on an availability analysis, or disparity study, of qualified MBEs and WBEs in their relevant geographic buying market for construction, services, supplies and equipment.

The recipient agrees to submit proposed fair share objectives/goals, together with the supporting availability analysis or disparity study, to the Regional MBE/WBE Coordinator within 120 days of its acceptance of the financial assistance award. EPA will respond to the proposed fair share objective/goals within 30 days of receiving the submission. If proposed fair share objective/goals are not received within the 120 day time frame, the recipient may not expend its EPA funds for procurements until the proposed fair share objective/goals are submitted.

# SIX GOOD FAITH EFFORTS, 40 CFR, Part 33, Subpart C

Pursuant to 40 CFR, Section 33.301, the recipient agrees to make the following good faith efforts whenever procuring construction, equipment, services and supplies under an EPA financial assistance agreement, and to ensure that sub-recipients, loan recipients, and prime contractors also comply. Records documenting compliance with the six good faith efforts shall be retained:

- (a) Ensure DBEs are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities. For Indian Tribal, State and Local and Government recipients, this will include placing DBEs on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever they are potential sources.
- (b) Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs and arrange time frames for contracts and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.
- (c) Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. For Indian Tribal, State and local Government recipients, this will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.
- (d) Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.
- (e) Use the services and assistance of the SBA and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.
- (f) If the prime contractor awards subcontracts, require the prime contractor to take the steps in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

# MBE/WBE REPORTING, 40 CFR, Part 33, Sections 33.502 and 55.503

The recipient agrees to complete and submit EPA Form 5700-52A, "MBE/WBE Utilization Under Federal Grants, Cooperative Agreements and Interagency Agreements" beginning with the Federal fiscal year reporting period the recipient receives the award, and continuing until the project is completed. Only

procurements with certified MBE/WBEs are counted toward a recipient's MBE/WBE accomplishments.

The reports must be submitted **annually** for the period ending September 30th for:

- -40 CFR Part 30 Recipients (Non-profits and Institutions of Higher Education); and/or
- -40 CFR Part 35 Subpart A and Subpart B Recipients.

The reports are due within 30 days of the end of the annual reporting period (October 30th). Reports should be sent to Michele Junker, the Region 2 DBE Coordinator. Final MBE/WBE reports must be submitted within 90 days after the project period of the grant ends. Your grant cannot be officially closed without all MBE/WBE reports.

EPA Form 5700-52A may be obtained from the EPA Office of Small Business Program's Home Page on the Internet at http://www.epa.gov/osbp/grants.htm.

#### CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION PROVISIONS, 40 CFR, Section 33.302

The recipient agrees to comply with the contract administration provisions of 40 CFR, Section 33.302.

# BIDDERS LIST, 40 CFR, Section 33.501(b) and (c)

Recipients of a Continuing Environmental Program Grant or other annual reporting grant, agree to create and maintain a bidders list. Recipients of an EPA financial assistance agreement to capitalize a revolving loan fund also agree to require entities receiving identified loans to create and maintain a bidders list if the recipient of the loan is subject to, or chooses to follow, competitive bidding requirements. Please see 40 CFR, Section 33.501 (b) and (c) for specific requirements and exemptions.

#### 16. ACORN

Congress has prohibited EPA from using its FY 2010 appropriations to provide funds to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or any of its subsidiaries. None of the funds provided under this agreement may be used for subawards/subgrants or contracts to ACORN or its subsidiaries. Recipients should direct any questions about this prohibition to their EPA Grants Management Office.

# **Programmatic Conditions**

# 1. RECIPIENT PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND EPA REVIEW

For State and Tribal program recipients under 40 C.F.R. Part 35, Subparts A and B, interim and final performance reports submitted by recipients under 40 C.F.R. §§ 35.115 and 35.515 (Evaluation of Performance) must adequately address progress in achieving agreed-upon outputs and outcomes. This includes ensuring that performance reports provide a satisfactory explanation of why outcomes or outputs were not achieved.

# 2. EPA INVOLVEMENT IN COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

A cooperative agreement is the appropriate legal instrument to fund this application as determined by criteria cited in the Federal Grants and Cooperative Act of 1977. The agreement is for a public purpose with EPA involvement. The agreement is not for the direct benefit of EPA. EPA will have significant involvement with the recipient in the form of programmatic oversight and review and comment of all agreement activities and products as identified in the work plan.

# 3. PRE AWARD COSTS

The application for this award was submitted to EPA prior to the beginning of the budget period start date. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 35, the recipient is authorized to charge costs incurred prior to the award date of this agreement from the beginning of the budget period (10/01/09) provided that such costs were included in the approved application.1. **RECIPIENT PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND EPA REVIEW** 

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